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1. Before the 1917 revolution, Zavod (Factory) Number 42 at Kuybyshev manufactured small arms ammunition. From 1917 until 1939 the factory made watches. In 1936 the factory's name was changed to ZIM (Zavod imeni Maslenikov). In 1948 part of the plant still produced watches; its other products were unknown.
2. The plant was composed of 26 shops and employed about 18,000 workers in three shifts. The assembly shop was classified secret, and extraordinary security precautions were taken for this shop in addition to the security measures for the plant as a whole. A barbed-wire fence isolated the assembly shop from the rest of the plant.
3. The director of the plant was Beloberodov, an engineer colonel in the Soviet army. The former director was Radionov. Peisakhovich was in charge of Shop Number 6. During the two-month period that a worker was an apprentice, he received 285 rubles a month. A beginning worker received 700 rubles a month, while a worker with two to five years' experience earned 800 to 900 rubles a month. A Stakhanovite earned about 1,100 rubles a month.
4. The ZIM plant was guarded by male and female guards in civilian clothes. The plant was surrounded by a wooden and stone fence; at the four corners of the yard there were wooden towers manned by MVD troops wearing blue shoulder boards and armed with machine guns.
5. The plant had a railroad siding where steel rods of diameters up to eight inches were brought in. Steel, aluminum, copper, bronze, and pig iron of

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various shapes were also brought in by rail. Wood was imported for the metal shop.

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Factory [redacted] There are some discrepancies between the
two reports in regard to the number of workers and the nature of the
factory's production.

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